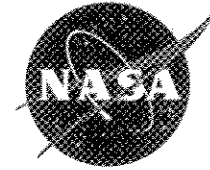


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FROM: Alternate Designated Agency Ethics Official

SUBJECT: Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the Space Law and Policy 2010 Symposium Luncheon on May 11, 2010

The Secure World Foundation, and co-sponsors International Academy of Astronauts (IAA), and International Institute of Space Law (IISL) will host the 1<sup>st</sup> IISL-IAA Symposium Luncheon on May 11, 2010, at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Building, in Washington, D.C., from 9:00a.m.-4:30p.m. The symposium will examine space regulations and how they affect civil, commercial, and military space activities, as well as the average citizen's daily life.

The Symposium and related events will be widely attended by individuals from other Federal agencies, academia, the aerospace industry, and others who are involved in NASA projects. The estimated costs for food and beverages is \$25.00 per person for the luncheon. Approximately 550 people have been invited and 180 are expected to attend.

I find these events meet the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g). There is an Agency interest in having NASA personnel attend these events and this Symposium will allow NASA employees to share their views and information about current NASA activities with others interested in space exploration. Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the event sponsors—including employees in non-career positions for which Executive Order 13490 requires signing an ethics pledge—may accept an invitation for free attendance to the event for themselves and their accompanying guests.

However, NASA employees whose duties may substantially affect the event sponsors, such as by way of procurement duties, should seek an individual determination pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.204(g)(3)(i) regarding participation in this event from their local ethics counselor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Adam F. Greenstone".

Adam F. Greenstone